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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

Robert A. Hoffman et al. :

Serial No.: 09/691,155 :

Filed: October 19, 2000 :

For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD :  
EMPLOYING INCOHERENT LIGHT :  
EMITTING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES :  
AS PARTICLE DETECTION LIGHT SOURCES :

Group Art Unit:

Examiner: Not assigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants herewith transmit copies of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

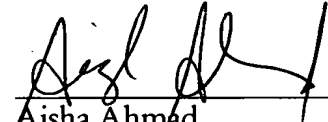
The Examiner should note that the first cited publication contains text (the Abstract) that had been incorporated into the provisional application filed on October 20, 1999, from which the above-referenced application claims benefit.

As indicated, all documents are in English and therefore, no statement of relevance is required. Also, since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is required.

The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

Submission of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission by the Applicants as to the materiality of the attached documents to the application, nor do the Applicants waive any right to challenge the validity of the documents as prior art should such action be deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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